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Significant past weather for the preceding week (Period –23/02/2019 to 01/03/2019)							Weather Parameters	Weather forecast until 08.30 hrs of 06/03/2019				
23/02	24/02	25/02	26/02	27/02	28/02	01/03		02/03	03/03	04/03	05/03	06/03
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Rainfall (mm)	0	0	0	0	0
33.6	36.6	36.0	35.2	33.0	29.4	30.0	Maximum temperature (°C)	31	30	30	31	31
17.5	14.0	13.0	12.0	12.0	10.5	11.0	Minimum temperature (°C)	17	18	18	19	19
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cloud cover (Octa)	4	2	1	3	4
90	89	89	91	90	86	91	Relative Humidity Max. (%)	55	63	72	86	75
60	56	55	59	68	65	56	Relative Humidity Min. (%)	38	43	50	54	55
3.7	4.0	4.3	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.0	Wind speed (Km/hr)	3	7	13	14	12
calm	calm	calm	calm	calm	calm	calm	Wind direction	186	274	259	316	266
Rainfall (mm) in last week						Rainfall (mm) from 01/01/2019 to till dated		Total Rainfall (mm) in last year				
0.0						0.0		3071.8				

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Sky will be slightly cloudy from 2nd to 6th March, 2019. It is wind velocity range on 7 to 14 km/ha from 3rd to 6th March, 2019.

Crop	Stage	Agro Advise
Groundnut	Pod filling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to increasing rate of evaporation irrigate the groundnut crop at an interval of 8-10 days.
Lablab bean	Harvesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest mature lablab bean pod and dry it for 4 to 5 days in sunlight and then follow threshing or harvest the pods along with plant and dry for 3 to 4 days in sunlight. After drying follow threshing of pods. Stored dried grain in proper manner.
Mango	Flowering and Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In some mango orchard due to decrease in temperature leads to recurrent flowering by the emergence of new lateral panicles from the base point of early emerged panicles may lead to sever fruit drops from the main panicle. This situation observed mostly in Alphonso mango variety. To avoid the recurrent flowering, foliar spray of the Gibberellic acid 50 PPM (1 gram per 20 liter of water) at full bloom and then after peanut stage is suggested. Due to forecast of cloudy weather condition, there is possibility for incidence of hoppers and powdery mildew disease on mango tree. Hence as per blossom protection schedule for mango, it is advise to take 5th spray (15 days interval after 4th spray) of Dimethoate 30%EC @ 10 ml or Lambda cyhalothrin 5%EC @ 6 ml + Hexaconazole 5% @ 5 ml or wettable Sulphur 80% @ 20 gm mildew per 10 liter of water for control of powdery mildew. Due to temperature variation it is possibility for fruit drop of mango hence, apply irrigation for alphonso mango @ 150 to 200 lit. of water at fortnight interval for 3 to 4 times to reduce fruit drop and increase the size of fruits. Also use straw mulch to reduce evaporation. For increasing the production and quality improvement of fruits of mango, spray 1 % Potassium nitrate at pea stage, marble stage and arecanut size fruit stage. Provide support to newly planted mango graft, as there is forecast of high wind speed.
Cashewnut	Fruiting and harvesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If nuts are ready for harvesting, harvest the mature nuts and dry in the sun for 7 to 8 days to bring down the moisture content.. Prepare different processed product from cashew apple as per recommended by Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli.
Coconut	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to increase in maximum temperature, provide irrigation to coconut orchard at 8-10 days interval.
Sapota	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to increase in maximum temperature, provide irrigation to sapota orchard at 8-10 days interval. If incidence of chiku moth (leaf webber) is noticed on sapota, collect and destroy the dried clusters of leaf web and spray 5% neem seed kernel extract.
Spice crop	Harvesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The flower buds of clove crop should be harvested when they are fully mature but before opening. The buds are harvested as clusters and separated and dried in the sun for five to seven days.
Vegetables/ Fruit crop nursery	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install 'Rakshak' trap @ 4 nos. per ha in cucurbitaceous crop for effective control of fruit fly. Carry out harvesting of brinjal when fruit at tender stage. Carry out harvesting of green chilli. Harvesting of the cabbage should be carry out when heads are firm. Provide irrigation to fruit crop nursery, vegetable crops.
Milch animal /goat/poultry	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide clean and hygienic drinking water to farm animals. The temperatures during day are increasing hence protect poultry birds from heat. To protect the birds from Ranikhet disease, vaccination against Ranikhet disease in poultry birds under the supervision of veterinary officer is advocated.

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